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# Cleanup Loans and Environmental Assistance to Neighborhoods (CLEAN) Program



*It is DTSC's  
mission to protect  
public health  
and the  
environment  
from  
harmful exposure  
to hazardous  
substances.*



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## Overview

California is charting new territory when it comes to programs to stimulate the redevelopment of Brownfields – abandoned, idled or underutilized properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. Frequently, these properties, once the source of jobs and economic benefits to a community, lie abandoned for fear of the contamination and the liability it implies.

The State's Cleanup Loans and Environmental Assistance to Neighborhoods (CLEAN) Program was established in 2000 to help developers, businesses, schools and local governments accelerate the pace of cleanup and redevelopment at these sites. There are six brownfields projects currently being funded with CLEAN loans. However, due to State budget reductions, no new loans are being made at this time.

**There are two main components:**

### Investigating Site Contamination Program

- Provides low-interest loans of up to \$100,000 to conduct preliminary endangerment assessments.
- If redevelopment of property is determined not to be economically feasible, up to 75 percent of the loan amount can be waived.

### Cleanup Loans and Environmental Assistance to Neighborhoods (CLEAN) Program

- Provides low-interest loans of up to \$2.5 million for the cleanup or removal of hazardous materials where redevelopment is likely to have a beneficial impact on the property values, economic viability and quality of life of a community.

*Making a once toxic property viable again can lead to more jobs, an enhanced tax base, a cleaner environment, improved public health and a greater sense of community pride. Together, these new State programs will provide financial assistance to make it easier and more economical for Brownfield sites to be redeveloped, thereby turning today's problems into tomorrow's opportunities.*

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